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To Whom it May Concern:

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I am writing in regards to Docket #98N-1038, "Irradiation in the production, processing and handling of food."

I am requesting that irradiated foods be required to show **prominent** labeling, the use of the terms "irradiation" or "irradiated," and the use of the radura symbol.

I feel the proposed alternative terms such as "cold pasturization" and "electronic pasteurization" are **misleading** and should **not** be used.

The absence of a statement would be **misleading** because irradiation destroys vitamins and causes changes in sensory and spoilage qualities that are not obvious or expected by the consumer.

I personally would NEVER purchase any foods that have been irradiated.

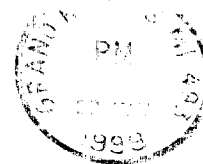
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